to avoid the contradiction? As the matter is being inquired into by the Magistrate and as there has been demand for a judicial inquiry, we would not like to create a situation in which people might form their own opinion, this way or that way, without fully hearing both the sides. The facts which I have given to the hon. House are these. There was confusion. There was a *lathicharge*. Did the *lathicharge* start because somebody was assaulted? Thirty-five policemen have been injured. Both the hands of the main officer have been broken and three vehicles have been set on fire. So, we have not taken any stand, either this side or that side. We have tried to be as judicious as possible. We are leaving it to the Magisterial inquiry to bring out the facts. If there has to be any other kind of inquiry, it is left to the State Government to decide what kind of inquiry they would like to have. They can decide on that. We have tried to be as judicious as possible. At the same time, we have sympathy for the workers and we also have sympathy for those people who have to maintain law and order. We have to be correct to both the sides.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, I want to seek one clarification.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The discussion is over.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the hon. Minister use his good offices to sort out the real issues concerning the workers?

SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL: This is a good point. We cannot be insensitive to these issues. I will certainly pass it on to the concerned Ministry. If I can use my good offices, I will try to do that. We will not be insensitive.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, there is a consensus in the House that there should be a judicial inquiry.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is what is being said.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, he should consult the State Government.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The discussion is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Credit rating system for small and medium scale enterprises

*21. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has launched the first credit rating system for small and medium scale enterprises;

(b) if so, whether the move is aimed at ensuring higher availability of bank and institutional credit to the small and medium enterprises sector;

(c) whether the nodal agency for the project would be the National Small Industries Corporation; and

(d) if so, to what extent this rating system has been helpful for the small and medium enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A Performance and Credit Rating Scheme for small scale industries has been launched on 7.4.2005.

(b) credit rating enables banks to have accurate information on creditworthiness and, therefore, induces banks to increase the quantum of credit as well as lower the interest rate on advances to small and medium enterprises.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As the scheme has been launched in April 2005 only, it is too early to assess its impact at this stage.

Establishment of repair facilities

*22. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a pre-condition to placement of orders for Boeing/Airbus, India has sought foreign investment in civil aviation sector by establishing repair overhaul and maintenance facilities in India;

(b) whether Boeing Airplane Co. and Airbus Industries have committed to invest around Rs. 1,000.00 crores on Indian facilities for maintenance, repair and overhaul of their aircrafts in India; and

(c) whether around 150 Boeing aircrafts are expected to be inducted by the Indian carriers over the next three years and if so, whether financial viability of establishing an MRO venture in India has been confirmed?

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